

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2025-029

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In the Matter of)
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FRANCIS J. SCHOLZ, M.D.)
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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute violations for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that Francis J. Scholz, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 23-464.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1969. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under license number 32484 since August 3, 1970. He is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in Radiology. He is currently affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

Factual Allegations

1. The Respondent worked in the Radiology Department at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center from 1975 until 2021.

2. From 2021 until December 31, 2024, the Respondent worked part time as an attending Radiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and taught fluoroscopy at Harvard Medical School.

3. On [REDACTED], 2023, the Respondent accompanied his [REDACTED] who was scheduled to have a [REDACTED] study at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center. The Respondent was familiar with the procedure and had performed it on patients numerous times at Lahey and MGH.

4. A third-year resident entered the room to conduct the procedure and began to speak with the patient/the Respondent's [REDACTED]. The Respondent engaged in conversation with the resident to elaborate on the Respondent's [REDACTED] unprovoked episodes of [REDACTED], which was the basis for the diagnostic [REDACTED] study. The Respondent discussed the method to perform the procedure optimally. The Respondent stated "well, why don't you start? I'll watch and make sure everything is fine...". The resident and the Respondent began the procedure.

5. The Respondent entered the control room, positioned himself beside the resident and operated the instrument during the procedure. The physician also assisted the resident in positioning the patient and the imaging camera and told the resident when to take images. By doing these things, he participated in and performed portions of the procedure.

6. At the time of his [REDACTED] procedure, the Respondent did not hold privileges at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center.

7. The third-year resident reviewed the images and dictated the note for the procedure. The attending physician reviewed the images and signed off on the report.

8. A safety report was entered to notify the hospital risk management department of the occurrence because the Respondent performed this procedure when he was no longer credentialed at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center and the patient was a family member.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)18, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician committed misconduct in the practice of medicine.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

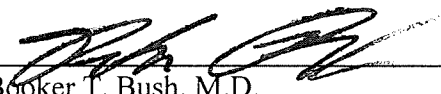
Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training, or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,


Booker T. Bush, M.D.
Board Chair

Date: June 26, 2025